

**WESTMINSTER TRAFFIC COMMISSION
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
April 29, 2008**

CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Westminster Traffic Commission was called to order by Chairman Tracy on Tuesday, April 29, 2008, at 5:40 p.m. at the City Council Chambers, 8200 Westminster Boulevard, Westminster, California.

SALUTE TO FLAG

Vice Chairman Diep led the members of the audience in the Salute to the Flag.

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Tracy, Diep, Crozier, Lopez, Tran
Commissioners Absent: None

STAFF PRESENT

Adolfo Ozaeta, Civil Engineering Associate; Investigator Brackett, Westminster Police Department; Veronica Johnson, Secretary

**APPROVAL OF
MINUTES**

The minutes of the Traffic Commission's regular meetings of January 29, 2008, February 20, 2008, and March 25, 2008, were approved (5-0).

**ITEMS TO BE
CONSIDERED**

The first item to be considered at this evening's meeting was T.C. 89-113, request to install all-way stop signs at the intersection of Melanie Lane and Via Fortuna.

**T.C. 89-113
Melanie Lane and
Via Fortuna**

Mr. Ozaeta reminded the Commission that this item was presented at the March 22, 2008 Traffic Commission meeting. At the meeting, Mr. Brad Sublett had voiced his concern for pedestrian safety, mostly school aged children, in the area. The Commission voted to approve staff's recommendation to deny the installation of an all-way stop. The vote was 2-2 with Chairman Tracy being absent. Mr. Ozaeta suggested bringing the item back at the next Traffic Commission meeting when there was a full Commission. The Commission instructed staff to further investigate pedestrian activity in the area.

Mr. Ozaeta reiterated information from the previous Traffic Commission meeting. Mr. Ozaeta reminded the Commission that this intersection does not meet any of the warrants for all-way stop control according to the Manual of Uniform

Traffic Devices (MUTCD) guidelines in regards to accident history, traffic volume, and speed.

Mr. Ozaeta informed the Commission that staff had performed several site visitations. Pedestrian counts were collected during the morning and afternoon peak hours, paying special attention to the number of school aged pedestrians. Five school aged pedestrians were counted in the morning, and twelve in the afternoon.

STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION

Staff's recommendation was to deny the request for all-way stop signs at the intersection of Melanie Lane and Via Fortuna.

Chairman Tracy opened this item up for discussion.

Mr. Denis Bilodeau, DKS Associates, spoke on the subject intersection. Mr. Bilodeau, who is working with Mr. Sublett, stated that while he agreed with staff's recommendation, he would like to see something done in the area to address speeding. His suggestions included a radar feedback trailer which would inform drivers of their speed as they are driving through the area, or a pedestrian activated push button crossing for the intersection.

Ms. Sharon Miller, Los Alisos Mobile Home Estates, spoke in favor of all-way stop signs. Her concern was for pedestrian safety in the area.

Mr. Brad Sublett, Los Alisos Ranch Company, spoke in favor of all-way stop signs. Mr. Sublett conveyed his understanding of staff's recommendation to deny his request for all-way stops. Mr. Sublett expressed his desire to see staff work with his traffic engineer in addressing the speed in the area.

Discussion ensued over the future development in the area and how it might affect the area in question.

Motion

Commissioner Tracy moved to approve staff's recommendation to deny the request for all-way stops at the intersection of Melanie Lane and Via Fortuna; seconded by Commissioner Crozier.

Vote

The motion carried by a 5-0 vote.

The second item to be considered at this evening's meeting was T.C. 73-100, staff's request to establish Engineering

and Traffic Surveys for All American Way between Westminster Boulevard and 13th Street, and 13th Street between Beach Boulevard and All American Way.

T.C. 73-100

**All American btwn
Westminster & 13th, & 13th
btwn Beach & All American**

Mr. Ozaeta informed the Traffic Commission that the last Engineering and Traffic Surveys were adopted in 2004. The subject segments were not part of the 2004 Engineering and Traffic Survey. Staff had received several complaints about speeding in the Civic Center area.

Mr. Ozaeta explained that although the 85th percentile was above the posted speed limit of 25 miles per hour, the 2008 California Vehicle Code allows for the establishment of the speed limits to reflect roadside conditions not readily apparent to the driver. In the Civic Center, along with the public buildings and the recent additions of the Westminster Rose Center and Coastline College, there are also multiple driveway locations and high volume pedestrian crosswalks. Investigator Brackett stated that there are seven driveway locations on 13th Street between All American Way and Beach Boulevard.

Staff informed the Traffic Commission that through the adoption of the speed surveys on All American Way and 13th Street, the Police Department will be able to use radar equipment to enforce the posted speed limit on these segments.

STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION

Staff's recommendation was to approve the Engineering and Traffic Surveys for All American Way between Westminster Boulevard and 13th Street, and 13th Street between Beach Boulevard and All American Way.

Chairman Tracy opened this item up for discussion and no one wished to speak.

MOTION

Motion was made by Vice Chairman Diep to approve staff's recommendation to approve the Engineering and Traffic Surveys for All American Way between Westminster Boulevard and 13th Street, and 13th Street between Beach Boulevard and All American Way; seconded by Commissioner Tran.

VOTE

The motion carried by a 5-0 vote.

NEW BUSINESS

There were no "New Business" items presented to the Commission at tonight's meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

There were no "Old Business" items presented to the Commission at tonight's meeting.

**INFORMATION
AND REPORTS**

There were no "Information and Reports" items presented to the Commission at tonight's meeting.

**ORAL
COMMUNICATIONS**

No one spoke during "Oral Communications" at tonight's meeting.

**WRITTEN
COMMUNICATIONS**

Chairman Tracy noted the receipt of a fax from a concerned citizen voicing their opposition to all-way stops for Melanie Lane and Via Fortuna, T.C. 89-113.

**ITEMS COMMISSIONERS/
STAFF MAY WISH TO
DISCUSS**


Mr. Ozaeta reminded the Commission of the upcoming Traffic Commissioners Workshop on May 10, 2008.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Commission at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Marwan Youssef
Public Works Director/City Engineer


By: Veronica Johnson
Secretary